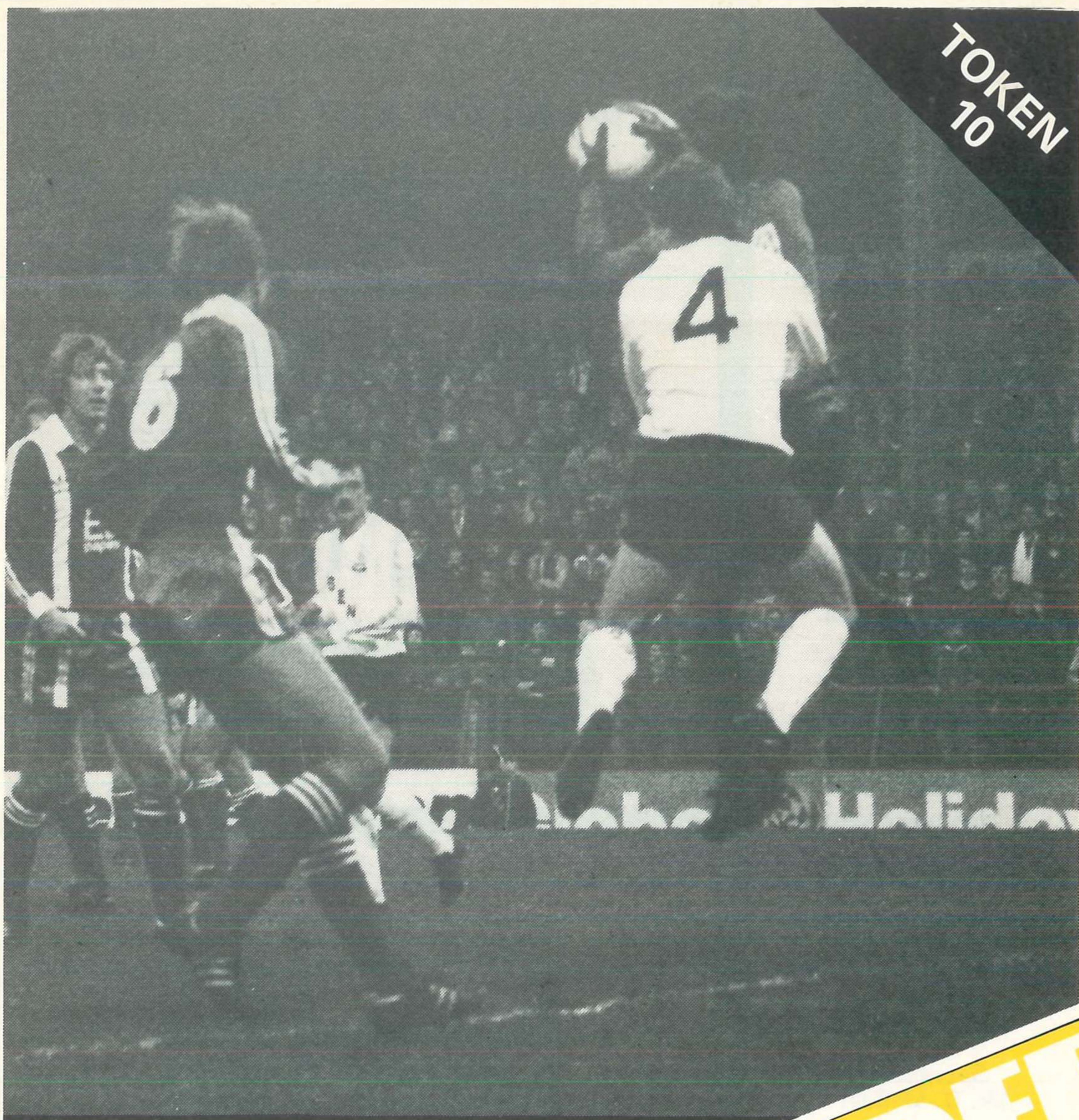


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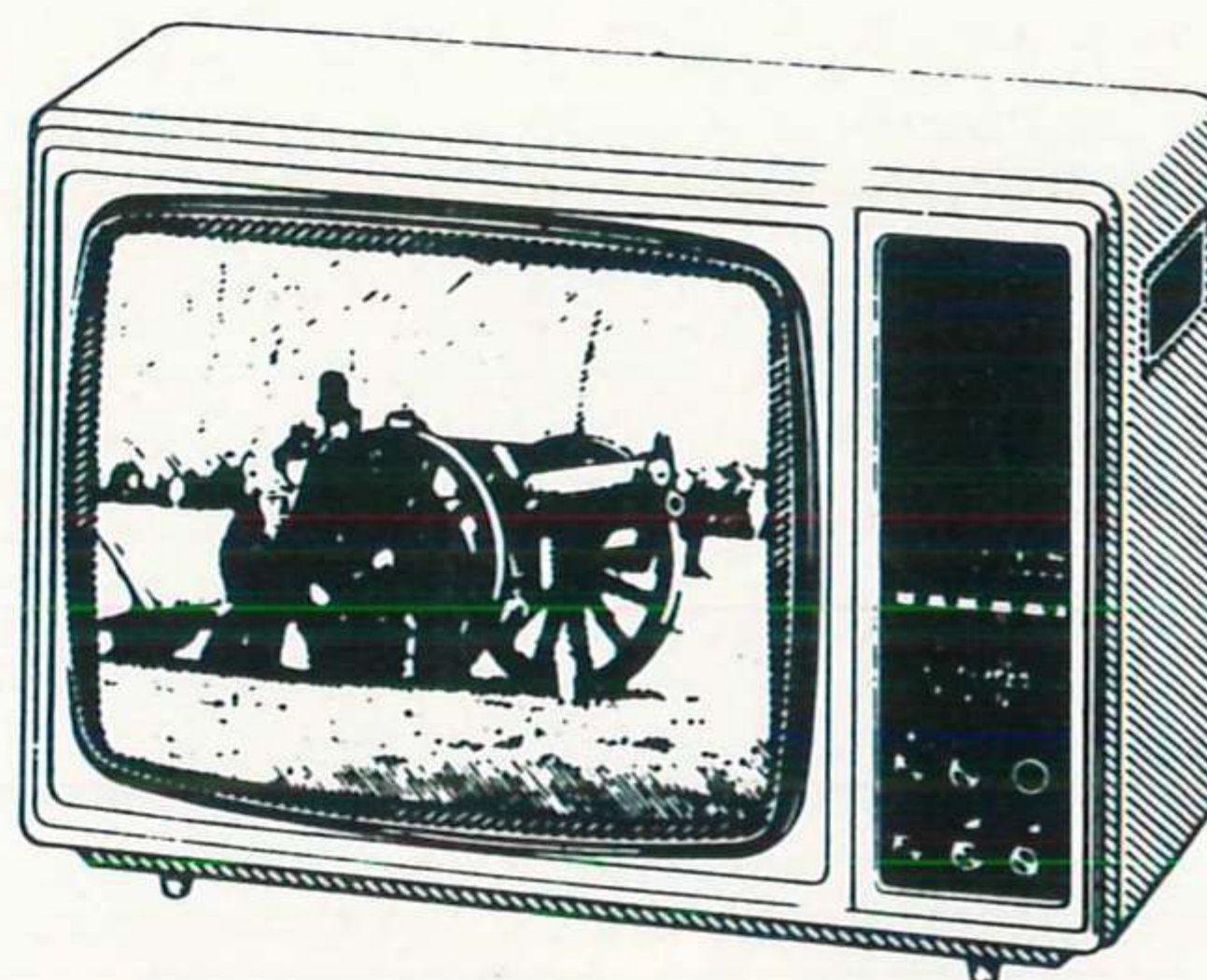
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George Mulhall writes

MAY I extend a warm welcome to you all for today's game against our friends from Loftus Road — a game which promises to be a highly entertaining one if both teams can produce their best form.

It goes without saying that I am looking for an improvement in our own form and for a three point boost which is badly needed at this stage of what has been an extremely tough season so far.

We do have our problems of course but looking over the past five or six games, since the new lads came into the side and settled down, things have begun to show signs of improvement.

While earlier in the season we were losing games and being well and truly beaten, recent weeks have seen us drop points under much different circumstances. Own goals in our last three away games, for instance, have made all the difference and have highlighted the astonishing run of bad luck we have had to endure.

An own goal and a penalty cost us defeat at Shrewsbury; the second of Luton's goals last week deflected into the net off the defensive wall and an

own goal cost us the points at Crystal Palace.

Through the cloud of bad luck, it is clear that we have tightened things up considerably. Defensively we have looked a much better side.

What bothers me now is that we are not scoring enough goals.

We must get down to the business of causing the opposition more trouble in the last third of the field.

It was because of the inconsistent form of our strikers that I was led to bring Wayne Foster into the team, possibly a little sooner than I would have liked. I don't really want to rush the lad because he has the chance to become a good player. But circumstances, as I say, have forced my hand.

I made a special point after Monday night's Youth Cup victory over Manchester United of going straight into the dressing room to congratulate Charlie Wright and every one of his winning team before they pulled their boots off because they deserved every ounce of praise for a brilliant performance.

I had a few words with all the players who were a credit to Bolton Wanderers Football Club.

They battled from start to finish and showed a spirit and determination which gives me a great deal of encouragement. I look at that team and see quite a few players who are going to do well in football in the years to come — and that is good news for football in general and Bolton Wanderers in particular.

FRONT COVER: Tony Henry (Bolton) and Mervyn Day (Orient) going up for this Dave Hoggan cross.

RANGERS



Back Row: Allan Harris (Asst. Team Manager), Jock Skinner (Kit Manager), Gerry Francis, Ernie Howe, Peter Hucker, Bob Hazell, John Burridge, Tony Currie, Mike Flanagan, David Butler (Physiotherapist), Terry Venables (Team Manager).
Front Row: Clive Allen, Andy King (now W.B.A.), Tony Sealy, Gary Waddock, Glenn Roeder, John Gregory, Simon Stainrod, Ian Muir, Terry Fenwick.

RANGERS SET FOR RETURN TO DIVISION ONE

From: Tony Pullein

Queen's Park Rangers have been digging themselves in nicely for a sustained promotion challenge that they hope will culminate in their return to the First Division at the end of the season. Manager Terry Venables has assembled a well-balanced side that has looked strong in all departments.

Mr. Venables succeeded Tommy Docherty as the Rangers' manager in October 1980, leaving behind a fine team he had created at Crystal Palace. So confident was he of the potential of that Palace side that he actually signed six of them following his move to Shepherd's Bush!

Goalkeeper John Burridge (signed for £250,000), defender Terry Fenwick (£100,000), midfielder Gerry Francis (£150,000) plus forwards Clive Allen (£975,000), Mike Flanagan (£150,000), and Tony Sealy (£80,000) all followed their manager across London.

The club was not faring particularly well at the time and, during the course of the season, Mr. Venables invested a further £275,000 in Oldham striker Simon Stainrod.

That took the new manager's spending up to almost £2-million and, obviously, players had to be sold to recoup some of it. Centre-back Steve Wicks (£700,000) and striker Tommy Langley (£200,000) went to Crystal Palace, forwards David McCreery and Dean Neal joined Tulsa Roughnecks for a joint fee of £225,000 and goalkeeper Chris Woods was signed by Norwich for £225,000.

During the close-season Mr. Venables bought Brighton's versatile defender or midfielder John Gregory

for £300,000 but with the sale this season of midfield man Andy King to W.B.A. for £400,000 and forward Barry Silkman to Orient for £15,000 his deficit on transfer deals was down to around £485,000.

For that he has produced a team that not only looks capable of winning promotion, it also looks good enough to stay up if promotion is achieved.

Mr. Venables now has a fairly settled side that has to be disturbed only when injuries strike. John Burridge is the number one goalkeeper with Glenn Roeder and Ernie Howe performing in the middle of the defence, the latter having taken over from Tony Hazell.

John Gregory started off at right-back with Terry Fenwick on the opposite flank. Ian Gillard, a former England left-back, has spent some of this season in midfield and Gregory has tended to appear here rather more often than in defence.

Former England man Tony Currie has not been playing in recent weeks and injuries have also forced Gerry Francis onto the sidelines. So Gary Waddock and Gary Micklewhite have been filling two of the midfield places.

Simon Stainrod has really been coming into his own this season and he is now the club's leading scorer with eleven goals, including the first hat-trick of his career against his home town club Sheffield Wednesday last month.

Clive Allen and Mike Flanagan are normally the other two strikers with Tony Sealy and Steve Burke being limited to occasional appearances.

Rangers have won three away games in the League at Wrexham (3-1), Charlton (2-1) and Sheffield Wednesday

(3-1). They drew at Orient (1-1) but were beaten at Grimsby (1-2), Oldham (0-2), Derby (1-3) and Shrewsbury (1-2).

This season Rangers have become the first British club to install a synthetic pitch with full approval of the Football League. Though some clubs — usually those who have been beaten at The Bush — have been critical, it was an enterprising move which seems certain to be followed by other clubs.

Rangers, in fact, lost their first game on the new pitch, Luton running out 2-1 winners, and though they won seven of their first ten League and Cup games on it, early evidence was that the surface did not give them an unfair advantage.

Their home record was no better, nor worse, than most of the other clubs in the leading positions.

Rangers' last spell of First Division football ended in 1979 after the most successful six years in their history. In 1976 they were pipped to the League Championship by Liverpool on the last day of the season.

The club spent most of its life in the Third Division and it was as a Third Division club that they so sensationally won Wembley's first League Cup final in 1967. They also won the Third Division championship that year and, only one year later, moved up into the First Division.

They remained for only one season but they returned for another crack of top class football in 1973.

JOHN BURRIDGE (Goalkeeper). John took over in the Rangers' goal following his £250,000 transfer from Crystal Palace last season. He began his League career with Workington in 1969 and moved on to Blackpool for £10,000 in 1971. He made some 150 senior appearances for the Tangerines before moving to Aston Villa for £100,000 in 1976. After a loan spell at Southend, he was transferred to Crystal Palace for £50,000 in 1978.

TERRY FENWICK (Defender). Terry won his seventh England under-21 cap against Hungary last month and is a former England youth international. He opened his League career with Crystal Palace and joined Rangers for £100,000 last season.

BOB HAZELL (Defender). Bob won England under-21 recognition during his Wolves' days and he was transferred to Rangers for £240,000 two seasons ago. After losing his place in the Rangers' defence, he was tried as an experimental attacker last season.

GLENN ROEDER (Defender). Though Glenn normally plays in the middle of the defence, he can also be a creative midfield player and he was used in this role last season. A former England "B" international, Glenn was signed from Orient for £250,000 in 1978.

ERNIE HOWE (Defender). Ernie has recently regained his place at centre-back, after a long while in the wilderness. Once a Crystal Palace amateur, Ernie began his professional career with Fulham and he was transferred to Q.P.R. for £50,000 in 1977.

IAN GILLARD (Defender). Ian is now one of the club's longest-serving players with almost 400 League games behind him since his debut in 1969. Following England under-23 honours, Ian was capped three times in the full England team.

JOHN GREGORY (Midfield/Defender). John, who was signed from Brighton for £300,000 this summer, has appeared both in midfield and at right-back. Versatility has been his strong point since he made his League debut for Northampton in 1973. Aston Villa paid £40,000 for him

in 1977 and, after two seasons in their first-team, he was sold to Brighton for £250,000.

GARY WADDOCK (Midfield). Though Gary only turned professional at the beginning of 1979/80 and made his League debut during the course of the campaign, he was capped twice by the Republic of Ireland to make it a memorable entry into the big time for him. He now has four caps.

GERRY FRANCIS (Midfield). Former England captain Gerry returned to his original club last season. He made his League debut for Rangers in 1969 and his powerful displays soon earned recognition. Don Revie made him England's captain but, after winning 12 caps, he received a serious leg injury which put him out of the game in 1976. He made a full recovery and in 1979 he was transferred to Crystal Palace for £465,000. He rejoined Rangers in a £150,000 deal last season.

TONY CURRIE (Midfield). Tony's creative skills in midfield have earned him 17 full England caps, following earlier honours at youth and under-23 grades. He began his League career with Watford in 1967/68 but he was transferred to Sheffield United before the end of that season. It was at Bramall Lane that he made his name and in 1976 he was signed by Leeds for £250,000. Rangers signed him during the 1979 close-season for £400,000.

GARY MICKLEWHITE (Midfield). Gary was formerly with Manchester United but he was freed in 1979 when he joined Rangers. After being on the fringe of the first-team squad last season, Gary was given his first taste of League soccer when brought on as substitute against Oldham. He has been gaining further experience this season.

SIMON STAINROD (Forward). Rangers signed Simon from Oldham last season a few days after he had played against them in a League match at Shepherd's Bush. He was Oldham's leading scorer with six goals when he left, carrying on from the previous season when he was also the Latics' leading marksman. He began his League career with Sheffield United and moved on to Oldham in 1979.

CLIVE ALLEN (Forward). Clive's rather remarkable career is more settled again now. After topping Rangers' scoring list with 30 goals in his first full season (1979/80), he was sold to Arsenal for £1,250,000. But, before he had played a competitive game for the Gunners, he was on the move again, to Crystal Palace, for a similar fee. He never settled at Selhurst Park, though, and was happy to rejoin his old club this summer in a £975,000 deal.

MIKE FLANAGAN (Forward). Mike is yet another former Palace player, joining Q.P.R. for £150,000 last season. Though he became an England youth player at Tottenham, they never gave him a first-team chance so Charlton signed him on a free transfer in 1971. He soon became a consistent goalscorer and he was capped for England "B". Palace paid £815,000 for him in 1979.

STEVE BURKE (Forward). Steve didn't get into Nottingham Forest's League eleven but he still commanded a £125,000 fee when he joined Rangers during the 1979 close-season.

TONY SEALY (Forward). Tony made a few first-team appearances for Southampton, one of them as substitute in the 1979 League Cup final. Crystal Palace signed him for £50,000 soon after that and two seasons ago he joined Port Vale on loan. Rangers paid £80,000 for him last season.

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Club Scene

'PREVIOUS MEETINGS'

By Simon Marland

Today will be the 11th meeting in the football league between the clubs. The honours are even at the moment with four victories each although Rangers had the better of things last season, winning both matches. It took only 8 seconds for them to open the scoring at Loftus Road through Tommy Langley in a 3-1 win.

Probably the most memorable game took place at Burnden in the 1969/70 season when the Wanderers won the points with a 6-4 victory on a frost bound pitch before 6957 spectators. Rangers had just been relegated from the first division and their team contained players such as Rodney Marsh, current manager Terry Venables and former Wanderer Dave Clement.

FANCY DRESS PARTY

There will be a fancy dress party in the executive suite on Monday December 21st at 8.00pm. This has been organised by the supporters association and tickets are £3 for non members and £2.50 for members (which includes full buffet) and are available now at the souvenir shop.

A trip is being organised to Wembley on February 23rd for the England v Northern Ireland international match. The cost when known will include coach and match ticket for further details telephone Bolton 43651.

YOUTH CUP CHEER

What a super show put on by our youngsters on Monday night when they brought a welcome cheer to Burnden with a convincing 4-0 victory over Manchester United in the second round Lancashire FA Youth Cup tie.

It was a performance of skill and spirit to warm the hearts on a bitterly cold, damp evening. The weather, though, was the last thing on the mind of the fans as they cheered on a responsive young Wanderers.

They never looked back from as early as the fifth minute when Dave Fitzharris forced home the opening goal.

Steve Thompson volleyed home a second goal a couple of minutes before half time to press home their hard earned advantage.

Then in the second half when Wanderers were expected to tire, they hit United with a double blast in the space of five minutes.

Steve Thompson's free kick sailed unchecked just inside the far post, leaving the United defence cursing their luck. But there was nothing lucky about the fourth goal laid on by Simon Rudge for Dave Fitzharris in the 68th minute.

The youngsters fully deserved their standing ovation at the end of a most entertaining game which saw Wanderers put on a brilliant all-round display.

Team: Farnworth, Lee, Walsh, Hodgkinson, Darby, Kay, Thompson, Saunders, Rudge, Mulligan, Fitzharris. Subs Booth and Davies.

For anyone interested in following the fortunes of the Wanderers' youngsters, our Youth team is in action at Elland Road on Monday (7-30) when they take on Leeds United in a second round FA Youth Cup replay.

The teams drew here at Burnden Park last month when Wayne Foster's first half goal was equalised soon after the interval by Gerrard Hill.

IRISH EYES

One pair of our Irish international eyes are smiling now that Northern Ireland have qualified for the World Cup Finals in Spain next summer.

They are those of popular defender Gerry McElhinney, who was a substitute in the Northern Ireland squad when they clinched their 1-0 victory over Israel in Belfast on the night England beat Hungary at Wembley to clinch their place.

But a victory for France over Holland in Paris on the same day

ruled out Jim McDonagh's hopes of going to Spain with the Republic of Ireland.

At least we'll have Gerry flying the flag for the Wanderers when the finals stages get under way on June 13.

LATE KICK OF

Many of our travelling fans were puzzled as to the reason why the match at Luton kicked off at the rather odd time of 7.45pm — 15 minutes later than the customary time for an evening match.

We are assured that the kick-off time is a tradition for midweek games at Kenilworth Road and arose to accommodate shift workers who worked at nearby car plants.

Despite the reduction of the motor industry in that area and revised shift hours, Luton have kept up the tradition.

SPONSORS

Ron and Margaret Tidy, husband and wife team in a well-known newsagent's business in Egerton, notched up a first at our recent game against Orient.

They sponsored the match and became, as far as we have been able to discover, the first people in their line of business to back a football club in such a fashion.

Ron and Margaret enjoyed their day immensely and hailed the exercise as a resounding success.

Once again a winner for our pathfinding Commercial Department, who would like to thank them and all our other sponsors for their backing which is greatly appreciated.

TESTIMONIAL

Test umpire Harold "Dickie" Bird is the chief guest at a Sportsman's Dinner at the Grants Arms, Ramsbottom on Monday — the latest in the fund raising events in Peter Nicholson's Testimonial Year.

BILL TAYLOR

The sympathies of the board of directors and staff of Bolton Wanderers go out to the family of Bill Taylor, assistant manager of Oldham Athletic and England senior coach, who died in hospital on Monday.

Bill, who was 42 and leaves a wife and two daughters, was well known here at Burnden during his days with Oldham and previously with Manchester City.

He will be sadly missed in North West soccer circles.

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A reminder to parents that on production of the membership card, a 10% discount can be obtained from the "Happy Shop" on goods over £1 (not programmes).

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Football League club management is a serious business, a demanding role which requires a vast knowledge about the playing side of the game, a sympathetic understanding of man management and good business acumen. Alas such combinations are difficult to find in one man and yet in the crazy world of football club management where directors so often flaunt the basic principles of good business in a gamble for a little slice of success, such men are becoming even more essential.

Perhaps one of the best managers ever was the incomparable Stan Cullis, who gave Wolverhampton Wanderers the best part of 33 years of his life as a player and manager.

As a centrehalf, Stan was a player of distinction and won 12 England caps during 1938 and 1939, but it is as a manager that we remember him best.

During his 16 year reign as boss, Wolves reached the summit of their achievements in football, dominating the domestic scene with three League championships in the 1950's, and carrying the banner onto the fields of Europe with a succession of dramatic pioneering friendlies against the best continental opposition.

Those were marvellous days for midlands fans and yet despite all the glamour and publicity those games courted, Stans proudest boast is that during his tenure of office the club made annual profits and always paid its shareholders a dividend.

DANGEROUS

"And I left them with £300,000 in the bank when I finished in 1964," he adds with satisfaction. "What would that be worth today... well over a million!"

It is not then surprising that Mr. Cullis should call into question the current trend of management which mortgages clubs to the hilt and undermines all rational explanation for the sake of a dabble on the transfer market.

He continues: "People used to ask me when I was going to buy a new player and I would reply, 'When we get enough money.' I am sure that some managers today don't even look at the balance sheet. There are some managers who do not care how much money they spend. They are only bothered about their image. If they leave their club £3 million in debt it will not worry them.

"The economics of football today are crazy. Clubs depend on their lotteries, even Manchester United would make a loss on their overheads if it were just left to gate receipts. That is okay as long as the lotteries are thriving, but with the economic state of the country in its present unhealthy state, with three million unemployed, a lot of people simply will not be able to afford the tickets.

Really lottery money which is very lucrative should be superfluous income. But it is now considered and budgeted as a clubs' life blood, they are now fully dependent on those resources to survive economically and that is dangerous because it will one day stop.

DIFFERENT ANIMAL

"The extraordinary thing about it all is that directors of football clubs are usually directors in business and yet they do not apply the same conditions and safeguards. If in their factory they intend spending £50,000 on plant or whatever, they first thoroughly investigate the viability of the deal before proceeding. But these same men in football club board rooms will authorise the outlay of £350,000 for a player, purely on the managers recommendations. What I am saying is that a director is a different animal when it comes to football business.

"It was not like that at Wolves in my time. They used to say that it was no use making a big profit because the tax man would claim a big slice of it. Best therefore to buy a couple of players before the end of the financial year. But my Chairmen used to say to me: 'Look Stan, if we do well and make a good profit and we are satisfied with the team, why should we go out and blow it just because the income tax man is waiting around the corner.'

"And that was right. The economic side of a club was

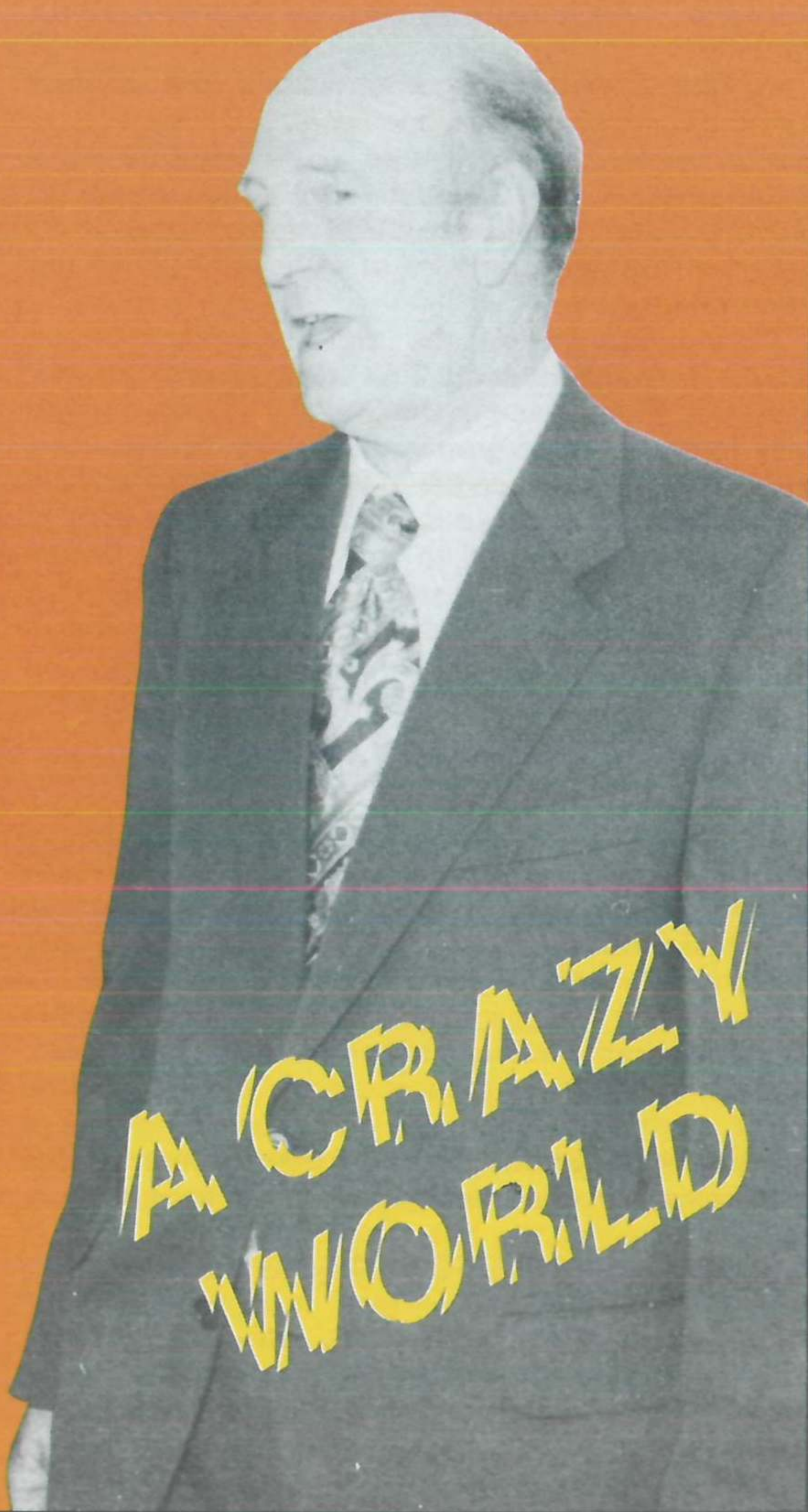
just as important in those days, in fact directors had one eye on the balance sheet and the other on the League table and I was involved fully in the general financial running of the club.

"I even studied book keeping for three or four years and I reckon that every club manager should acquire a basic knowledge and understand the economics of his club and the structure of the share capital and so forth.

"Nowadays managers are so obsessed with the results. Mind you I have a certain sympathy for them, for there now seems to be an insatiable desire for success, not only in football but in everything and it is a world wide disease not just one associated with English football."

As it happens the current economic recession has imposed its own stringent restraint on clubs spending power. When even mighty Liverpool claim that they are struggling to make ends meet it is little wonder that there has been a general tightening of the belts all round. That inflationary transfer spiral that rocketed to absurd heights has now been quenched, but as for clubs stabilising their balance of payments and equating general running costs to gate receipts, that is just simply out of the question.

So until some more permanent source of income can be found — and what is permanent in business anyway — football must continue to live on the back of the Bingo ticket.



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Famous Clubs

THE STORY of Swindon Town Football Club is an intriguing tale of a small town club which has never aspired to greatness in the bread and butter world of league football, yet has found fame and fortune through inspirational success in the death and glory mode of cup tie football.

The club's finest hour was celebrated beneath the twin towers of Wembley Stadium in 1969, when Stan Harland lifted the Football League Cup up high, following an emotional victory over Arsenal by 3-1. But Swindon's reputation as knock-out specialists had been born long before that momentous occasion.

Founded in 1881 by a football playing clergyman, the Rev. William Baker Pitt, the club soon became established as the best in Wiltshire and when the Wiltshire Senior Cup was introduced in 1886 they almost made it their own property. Indeed so dominant were the club that in 1893 the final was contested between Swindon Town and its Reserves, which were known as Swindon Town Athletic.

In 1894 Swindon became one of the original members of the Southern League Division 1, in which they were joined by Millwall and Southampton who enjoyed continuous membership from the inception to 1920 when all three clubs became founder-members of Division 3 (S) of the Football League.

During this period the club had experienced mixed fortunes having first turned professional after that first season in the Southern League when only four of their 16 games were won. Professional football meant a wage bill of £10 per week but it did not guarantee success and after finishing fifth in 1900 the club slumped to the bottom rung which they occupied for two consecutive seasons during which their away record read: Played 29, won 0, drawn 2, lost 27. Goals for 7, against 94. Yes the Railwaymen had well and truly come off the rails!

GIANT KILLERS

It was then that the club suffered its first financial crisis. Unable to meet the weekly wage bill many of the better players were released, several of them joining Nottingham Forest, and although the financial commitment was slashed in half the performances on the field told their own story.

During this difficult period a clerical worker in the Great Western Railway offices, called Sam Allen, took on the job of club secretary on a part-time basis, at a salary of ten shillings a week. He was to become an essential cog in the development of the club taking on the managerial chores as well.

After entering the F.A. Cup for the first time in 1906, when they lost 3-0 at Brighton, the Wiltshire club created the first of their now familiar giant killing acts in 1908 when they were drawn at home to First Division Sheffield United. There was no score but the talk of the town was the sensational appearance of a new twenty-year old star called Harold Fleming. He was destined to play for England and performed an important role in the Robins shock 3-2

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SWINDON TOWN



extra-time victory in the replay at Bramall Lane.

Another memorable cup run in 1910 took Swindon right through to the semi-final after sweeping Crystal Palace, Burnley, Tottenham and Manchester City from its path. It was left to Newcastle United the eventual winners to put an end to the upstarts from the Southern League with a 2-0 success at White Hart Lane.

Two years later they again reached the semi-final, meeting Barnsley at Stamford Bridge. The scoreline of 0-0 meant a replay at Meadow Lane, but the physical attitude of the Yorkshire side had deprived Swindon of Fleming and free kick expert Billy Tout, and they went down 1-0 having missed a penalty.

While all this cup furore was taking place, Swindon had managed to capture the Southern League championship twice. As champions they met the Football League champions Manchester United in the Charity Shield at Stamford Bridge in 1911 and although they scored four times, United hit eight — six of them coming from Harold Halse.

After the Great War Swindon embarked on the great Football League venture and what a dream start they made. It was August 28, 1920 when Luton Town drifted in, to be sent home with a 9-1 thrashing ringing in their ears. Two days later Southampton hit four goals without reply to bring Swindon down to earth, although they finished the season in a respectable fourth place — a position it took over forty years to improve on.

WEMBLEY

Five times they reached fourth place, but in 1933, 1956 and 1957 they were obliged to seek re-election. The first big break through came in the season 1962-63 when they finished runners-up to Northampton Town and so

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Robins Role of Honour

Second Division Runners-up — 1962-63, 1968-69
Football League Cup Winners — 1968-69
Anglo Italian Cup Winners — 1969 & 1970

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1976-77	Dave Moss	14
1977-78	Dave Moss	17
1978-79	Chic Bates	14
1979-80	Andy Rowland	20
1980-81	Andy Rowland	12

Managers since the War:

Louis Page, Maurice Lindley, Bert Head, Danny Williams, Fred Ford, Dave Mackay, Les Allen, Danny Williams, Bob Smith and John Trollope.

qualified for the Second Division.

Not overawed Swindon swung straight into action taking maximum points from the opening six games, but after losing just three of the first 18 fixtures they began to feel the strain and finished the season 14th.

The following season proved a hard one and a 2-1 defeat at Southampton on the final day of the season ended the clubs short stay in the Second Division.

Danny Williams became the new manager and once more Town responded with another exciting Cup run which was ended in the Fifth Round by a rather embarrassed Nottingham Forest who needed three attempts.

Two years later and it was Wembley and that never to be forgotten League Cup triumph. The whole town was caught up in the euphoria and this reflected in the League

gates which recorded an average of 17,856. Swindon finished second to Watford on goal average and this time stayed in the Second Division until 1974, having reached the FA Cup quarter-final stage for the first time in 46 years in 1970, and attained fifth place in the Second Division.

Since then Swindon have been on the brink of returning to the higher grade on several occasions but have always failed on the final run.

Season 1979-80 once more proved the year of the 'Cup' Swindon holding Tottenham in the FA Cup and going oh so close in the replay at White Hart Lane. While in the League Cup the Robins flew all the way to the semi-finals having beaten Arsenal en-route once again. The Robins lost 4-3 on aggregate to Wolves and then lost out in the race for promotion a sad end to a season which should have brought more.

"I WANT TO BUILD A SUPER TEAM"



Colin Benson continues his discussion with Malcolm Allison . . . soccer's much maligned extrovert.



Kevin Keegan
"A super player".

One thing becomes clear when you talk football with Malcolm Allison, and that is he views the game as much more than just a sporting conflict. To him it is a form of art, a canvas on which skill and imagination can be magically expressed with panache.

At times he probably expects too much from players and yet in the main he would seem to be more the victim of an uncaring age, a society in which those who dedicate themselves are sometimes frowned upon as fools. It is hard for a man with such high ideals, with a vision of a game bursting at the seams with silky grace and improvisation, to adjust to an atmosphere of cautious mediocrity.

Now Allison is finding satisfaction in the Portuguese sun where he has transformed Sporting Lisbon: "The morale was bad when I went out there," he says. "They finished eleven points behind Benfica last year and their morale was down. Sporting have won the championship only once in seven years and they just did not seem to believe in themselves.

"I took them away and we played in and won, two tournaments. That woke them all up and they began to believe in each other again and so the confidence spread through the whole team. I have been fortunate that we have had a long run without defeat as that is important to the psychological preparation and the motivation.

"There is a lot of rubbish talked about the powers of motivation. The motivation of a side is only created by the manager and the team. It is not created by the manager — you can't motivate people if they don't want to be motivated because they just do not believe you. So it is a two way thing and at Sporting we have been able to get it together."

STIMULATING

Allison is clearly revelling in the response his Portuguese players are giving him, while his encouragement to exercise their subtle skills to the maximum is paying off with a brand of thrilling football, that would set the most ardent critic into raptures.

It is not surprising that Malcolm influenced the West Ham tradition where he played over 200 League games as a centre-half between 1951 and 1957, before a chest operation finished his first class career. His ideals are based on the classical style and now he still has a burning ambition to fulfil.

"Yes I want to build a super team, a team that really excites me," he declares with feeling.

Is that possible in England?

"It's possible of course it's possible. There are super teams in England now. Two of the Liverpool teams were great sides, Manchester City in 1967, 68, 69 and 70 was a great side."

But isn't there a lack of individualists around at the moment?

Again the big smile filled Big Mals face: "There's always a shortage of quality players, there are never enough and there never will be," he pointed out. "There will always be two or three super players come through, the George Best's the Bobby Charlton's and Dennis Law's will come again.

DEDICATION

"Today Kevin Keegan is a super player. He has great dedication and is a good professional.

"We could bring back the pride to English football if we get certain clubs with the right group of people. I think at Crystal Palace first time around I had the right group of people — Terry Venables, John Cartwright (now England's Youth team manager) and myself. Between the three of us we improved many things. We produced probably the best youth team for years, we worked probably the best set-pieces, we had lots of things going for us.

"There have to be three or four people at a club who are really into it. People who are dedicated and accomplished at their job to make it work."

So can we expect to see Malcolm Allison returning to the English game to fulfil his ambition?

"I don't know... I prefer to do my work where I am happy and working with people who I have confidence in. I mean it's a dangerous job football!

"Ray Clemence for instance is a great example. He has played brilliantly for ten years and then suffers three matches where things go wrong and they crucified him. He is an experienced player and can take it but he must have thought; 'I don't believe this.' It was the same for Bobby Moore. He made one drastic mistake against Poland and was hung out to dry. Everyone forgot the previous ten years without a mistake."

The same could be said for Malcolm himself. The events of the past couple of traumatic years have overshadowed those great achievements of the late sixties. Allison is acknowledged as a magnificent coach, the fact that he failed is a combination of many things. Not least his inability to manage off the field matters, not least the parochial attitude of players who refused to open to wider horizons and not least a system which accepts second best.

Those are the very same problems at the heart of our current demise, as a football nation. It is all about attitudes and a now frowned upon four letter word called 'work'.



ALAN GOWLING

Football has changed a lot over the years it has become much more organised as a TEAM game and perhaps even more significantly, the players are now much fitter. I am not suggesting that the players of 20, 30 or even 40 years ago could not play the modern game — with today's training they would be fitter themselves — but they would certainly find it more difficult to express their individuality on the game.

If you see games from the past on TV you will quickly spot the difference. Very rarely was a fullback covered by any other defender and once the winger had slipped past him there was plenty of space to play in.

To some extent football has become very much like business. It has been analysed looked at and made more efficient. Whether that has detracted from the entertainment value I do not know.

It has been suggested that the introduction of the 4-2-4 system has been a detrimental step because it cut out wingers. I must confess that those critics who lay the blame for what is wrong with English football today, at the feet of Alf Ramsey, really aggravate me.

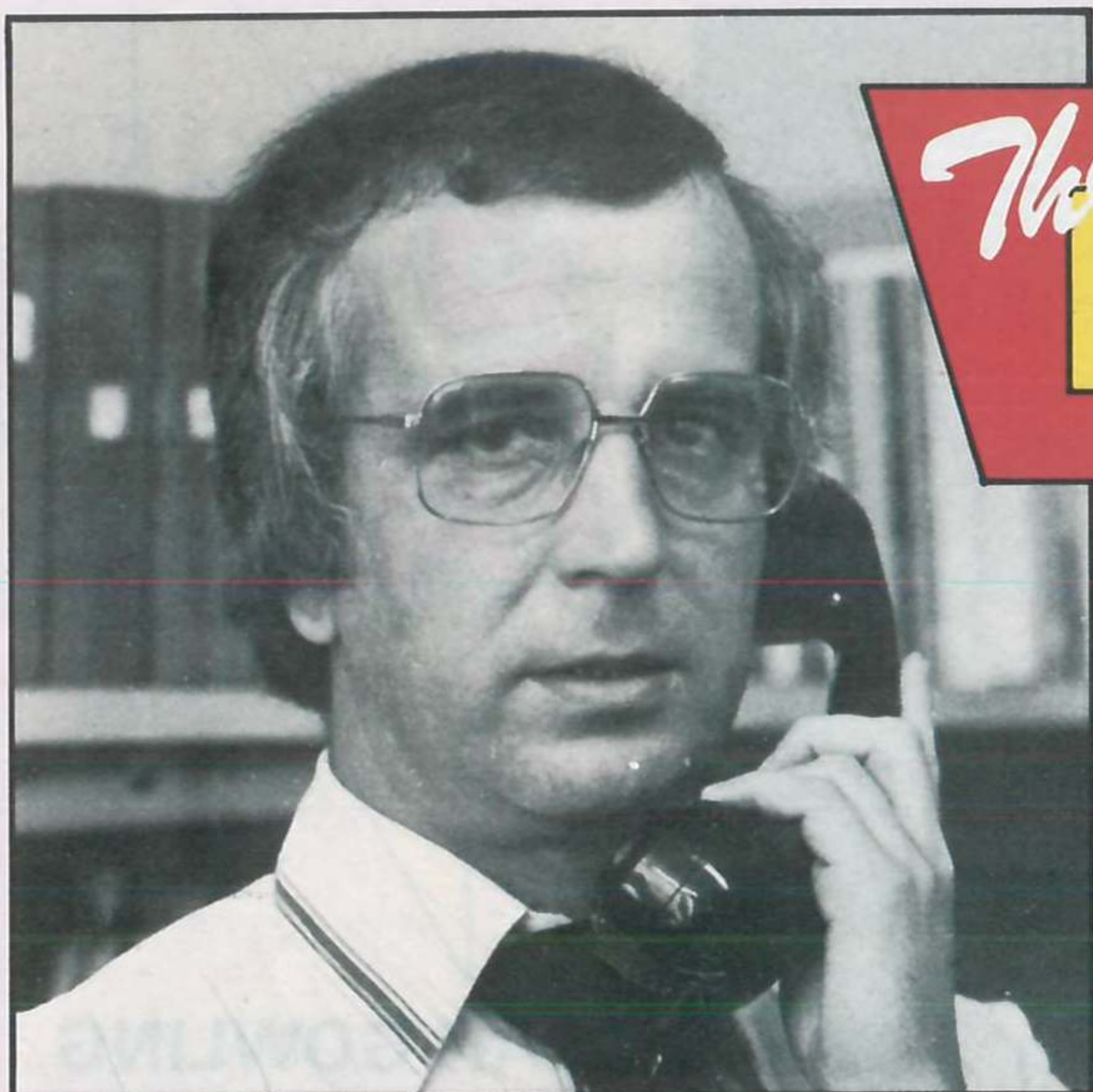
Alf Ramsey was only responsible for doing his job and doing it well. He was manager of Ipswich Town and developed a system which won them the League Championship. He then became manager of England and was the most successful national team manager we have ever had, or are ever likely to have. Alf designed a system to fit England, blended the players and won us the World Cup.

Now the biggest criticism should not be of Alf Ramsey, but of the coaches and managers who followed him and could not provide any originality of their own. You can't blame Ramsey for winning the World Cup and to accuse him of ruining football is a joke.

That 1966 triumph was the best thing that ever happened to English football. It immediately checked a decline in gates which had been deteriorating over three seasons. The public enthusiasm was tremendous. The problem came when everybody else decided to copy him.

Our coaches and managers all go on their summer courses at Lilleshall and discuss the game, but inevitably they all come back with the same ideas and that is what is bad about the game. There is very little originality about it in terms of thought.

You will probably find that the most successful managers have a little bit of originality about them... in their thought, style and man management. Basically the game is all about man management. It is not about systems and formations, it is about getting players to perform to their maximum capacity.



The PAUL PARISH page

IT'S MORE ENTERTAINING!

It would be superficial, and arrogant, to suggest that everything is completely right with English football. England's stuttering performances at international level in the build up to the World Cup is positive proof that much work has to be done to put the house in order.

Even qualification will not overnight atone for the generally embarrassing way England have performed against some of the lesser nations.

But, on my travels around the country, this year, I have seen enough to suggest that there is a genuine effort by Football League clubs to provide greater entertainment, more goals and more skill.

Whether the introduction of three points for a victory is having the desired effect is something that will be argued up and down the country.

"It doesn't make any difference to our attitude," said one manager. "We have always tried to win."

Another argues: "Of course, it must make a difference. One point is now no longer enough. Too many drawn matches and you will quickly find that you are in the wrong half of the table."

It is really too early to make an accurate evaluation of this change in the point scoring system. That can only be made after, at the minimum, one full season.

It is possible, however, that a bigger reason for the better football is that clubs are realising that entertainment might just bring the crowds back to the game!

It was inevitably going to be difficult to arrest the declining attendances. Many people had simply fallen out of love with the game because they weren't being satisfactorily entertained. Others had to become more choosy because of the economic recession that has bitten into everyone's pocket.

ENTERTAINING

Birmingham manager Jim Smith made a very good point when I visited St Andrews recently. "We have

had three big games here in eight days," he said, "We had home matches with West Ham and Southampton on successive Saturdays and then met Nottingham Forest in the Football League Cup in midweek. Frankly the ordinary fan just cannot afford it any more. This is a badly hit area in the recession, we have a lot of our supporters out of work. They certainly can't afford to come and watch us three times in a week."

That's a great shame, because Birmingham are one of the sides I have seen who have impressed with their whole hearted commitment to attacking football. Playing with their pacy Dutchmen Van Mierlo and Brucken on the flanks and with the skill of Frank Worthington down the middle they are giving those supporters who can afford to make the trip, plenty of value for their money.

Dwindling gate receipts are affecting most sides. Even the mighty Liverpool and Manchester United cannot guarantee the same returns as they were, say two years ago.

So, perhaps, the instruction has gone out to improve the image of the game by making it more watchable. Let's be honest, even the hooligans might stop their wretched interference if they are regularly given decent games to watch.

Let's briefly look at some of the encouraging signs I have seen in the opening couple of months of the season.



Ossie Ardiles

Birmingham, I have mentioned but they are worth another shout if only because they have managed to improve their style and team on a limited budget — a problem that is being increasingly encountered.

It's good, too, to have success coming from major cities. The resurgence of Manchester United, under Ron Atkinson, has to be good for business all over the country. He has had to buy heavily, and at times controversially, to achieve the balance he required but seeing Manchester United's name at the top of the Football League just has to be good for overall business.

VINTAGE

Manchester and Liverpool boast that they are the hotbeds of British football and after the achievements at Anfield over the last 10 years there is little to argue with in that philosophy.

But the city of Birmingham is not without its claim to recent fame. Aston Villa won the League Championship last season and after a slow start are beginning to find that sort of form again this term. Their performances in the European Cup, too, have also shown considerable maturity.

London has been a little bit of a laughing stock as far as football has been concerned in recent years. But for entertainment value the capital is as good as anywhere and better than most.

Tottenham's FA Cup success last season could be the springboard to greater things to come. As always, and with Ardiles, Hoddle, Villa, Crooks and Archibald around it isn't surprising, they are producing some vintage stuff. And the signing of Ray Clemence has proved anything but the nonsense so many knockers had you believe at the start of the season.

As always, West Ham are producing their effervescent style back in the First Division. After a three year absence they have really settled down remarkably well and don't look the soft touch they once were.

So with things blossoming in Manchester and Liverpool, Birmingham and London it is little wonder that some of the provincial sides are wanting to knock the big boys off their pedestal. Ipswich have been proving it can be done for a few years now and even though they have not yet hit top gear they are still among the most attractive sides in the country.

Swansea's remarkable arrival in the First Division has been based on attack and manager John Toshack's tremendous achievements scarcely need any further catalogueing.

Brighton have surprised many people with their form, too, and particularly at home have been going forward in great style.

Southampton, I saw them take a couple of heavy

defeats, have always tried to entertain, which may provide ulcers for manager Lawrie McMenemy but it's a delight for the fans.

And for the first time in a long while it's the sides who can't score goals, who are struggling to ease themselves from the foot of the table. At the same time it's not the sides who have just the best defensive records who are sitting it out at the top.

There is a definite move to attack and the future looks good on that count. In the Second Division, for example, the early pace has been set by Luton and Watford, both managed by men who have preached an attacking gospel.

Let's hope that this attitude is maintained. If attendances don't immediately level off there should be no alarm — it's going to take a long time to bring back all those people who have become disillusioned.

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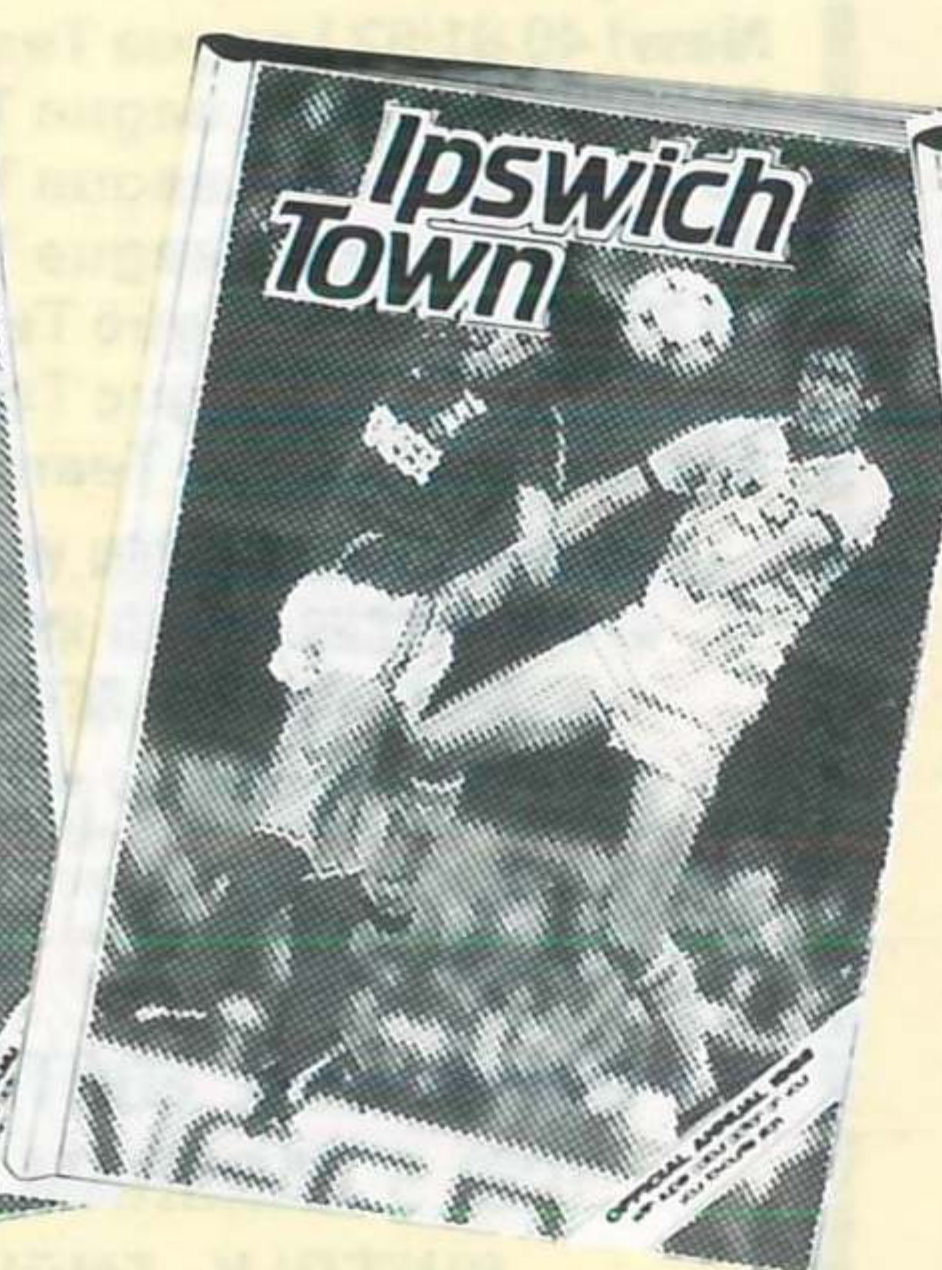
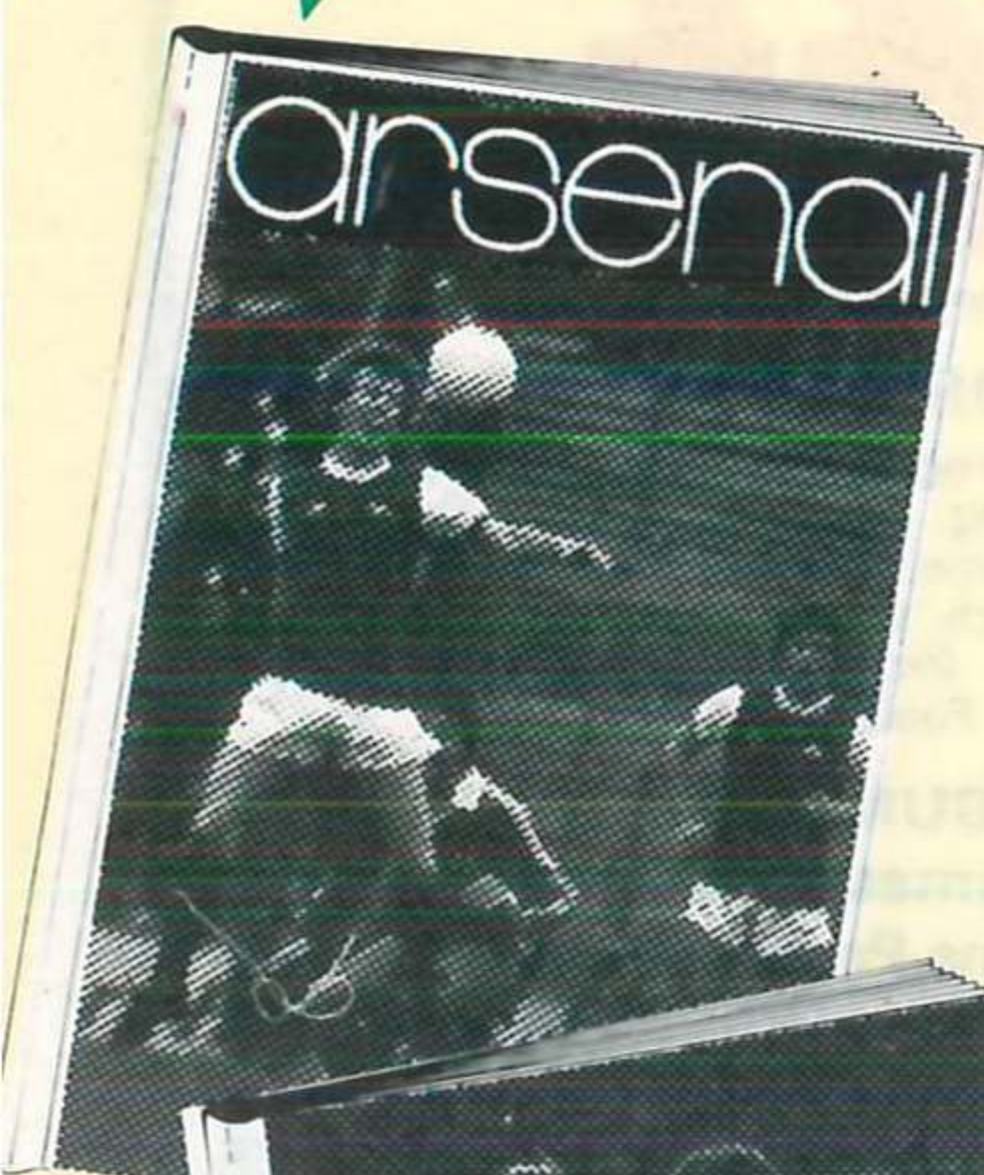
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	2-1	2-4
Aston Villa	5-2	1-1
Blackpool	1-0	0-1
Burnley	1-4	3-1
Charlton	2-1	0-1
Chelsea	3-0	3-1
Derby	1-2	2-5
Fulham	2-1	2-1
Huddersfield	2-1	2-0
Liverpool	1-1	1-1
Manchester City	2-1	3-0
Manchester Utd	1-0	0-1
Middlesbrough	3-1	0-2
Newcastle	0-0	1-0
Portsmouth	0-3	0-3
Preston	1-1	2-2
Stoke	1-1	2-1
Sunderland	1-1	2-0
Tottenham	1-1	1-2
W.B.A.	3-2	2-3
Wolves	2-2	1-5

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LEAGUE SCORERS

Lofthouse	18	Moir	16
Webster	8	Langton	5
Holden	4	Wheeler	4
Codd	3	Hassall	3
Howe	3	Opponents	1

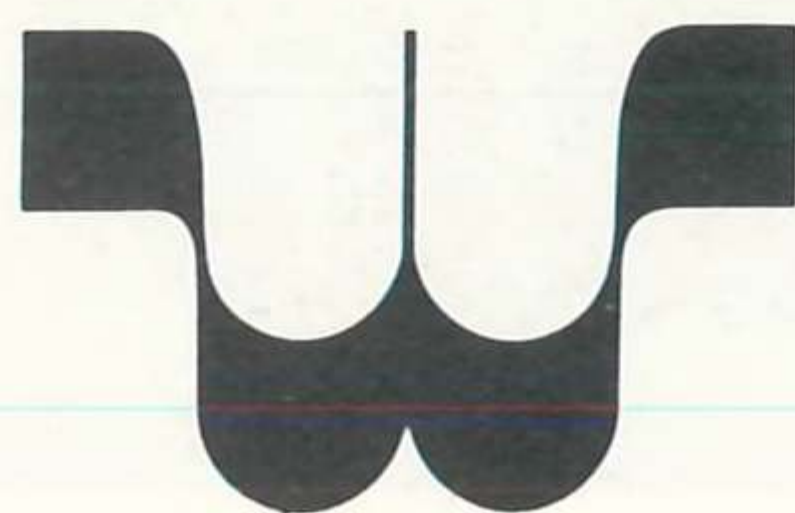
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd.	42	23	11	8	95	52	57
Tottenham	42	22	9	11	76	51	53
Arsenal	42	21	11	10	80	61	53
Portsmouth	42	20	8	14	68	58	48
Bolton Wanderers	42	19	10	13	65	61	48
Aston Villa	42	19	9	14	79	70	47
Preston N.E.	42	17	12	13	74	54	46
Newcastle United	42	18	9	15	98	73	45
Blackpool	42	18	9	15	64	64	45
Charlton Athletic	42	17	10	15	68	63	44
Liverpool	42	12	19	11	57	61	43
Sunderland	42	15	12	15	70	61	42
W.B.A.	42	14	13	15	74	77	41
Burnley	42	15	10	17	56	63	40
Manchester City	42	13	13	16	58	61	39
Wolverhampton W.	42	12	14	16	73	73	38
Derby County	42	15	7	20	63	80	37
Middlesbrough	42	15	6	21	64	88	36
Chelsea	42	14	8	20	52	72	36
Stoke City	42	12	7	23	49	88	31
Huddersfield	42	10	8	24	49	82	28
Fulham	42	8	11	23	58	77	27

FOOTBALL LEAGUE appearances:

Ball J.	39	Banks R.	4
Barrass M. W.	37	Bell E.	5
Codd R. W.	18	Corfield E.	2
Edwards G. B.	40	Gillies M. M.	5
Grieves K. J.	2	Higgins G.	40
Hanson S.	40	Hassall H.	17
Holden A. D.	25	Howe D.	10
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Parry R.	2	Webster H.	21
Wheeler J. E.	40		

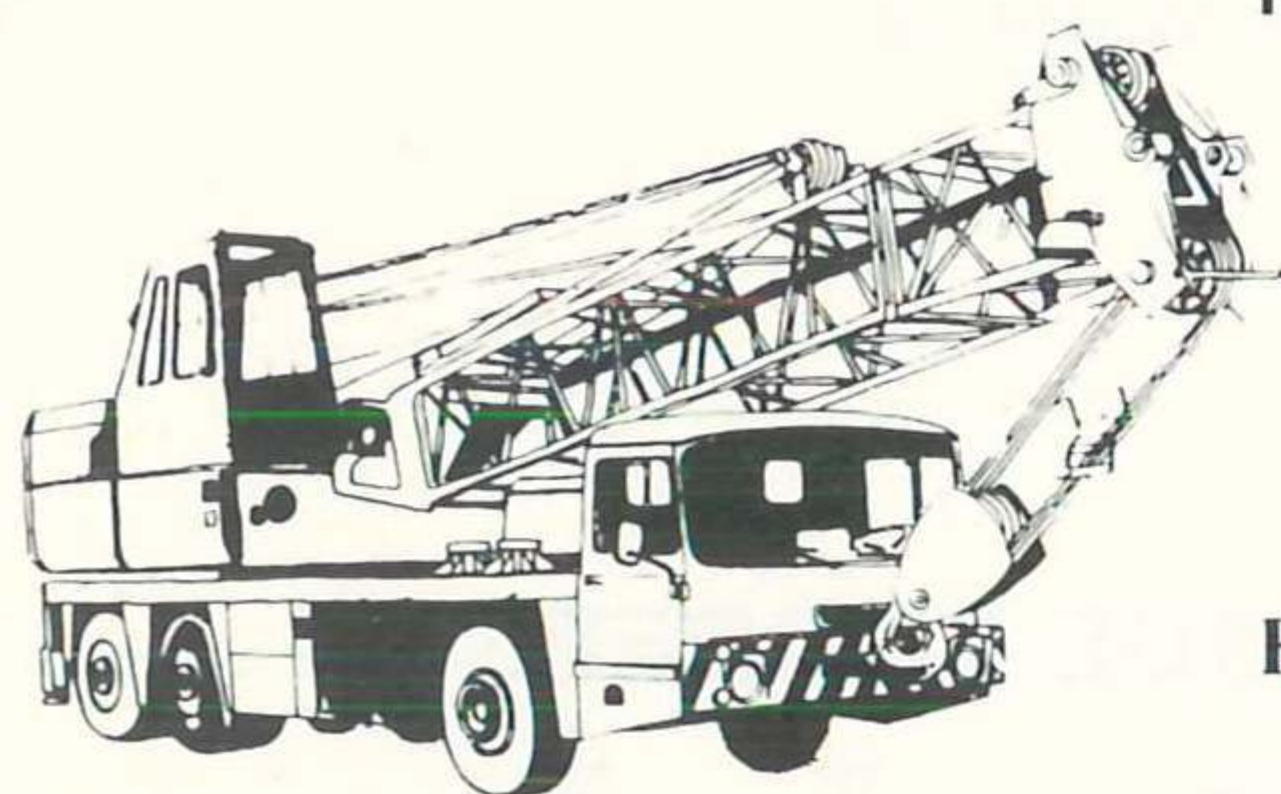
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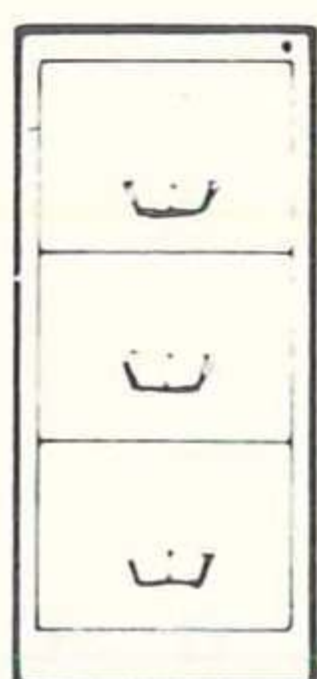
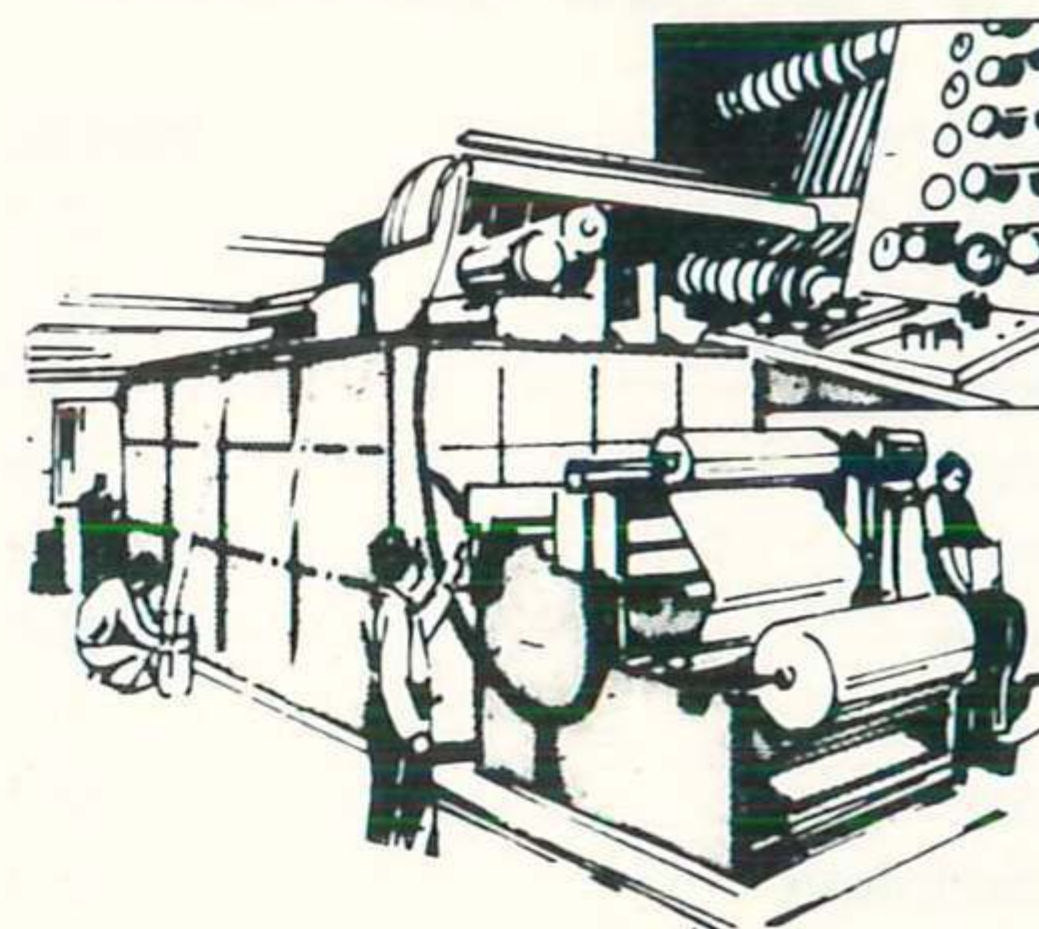
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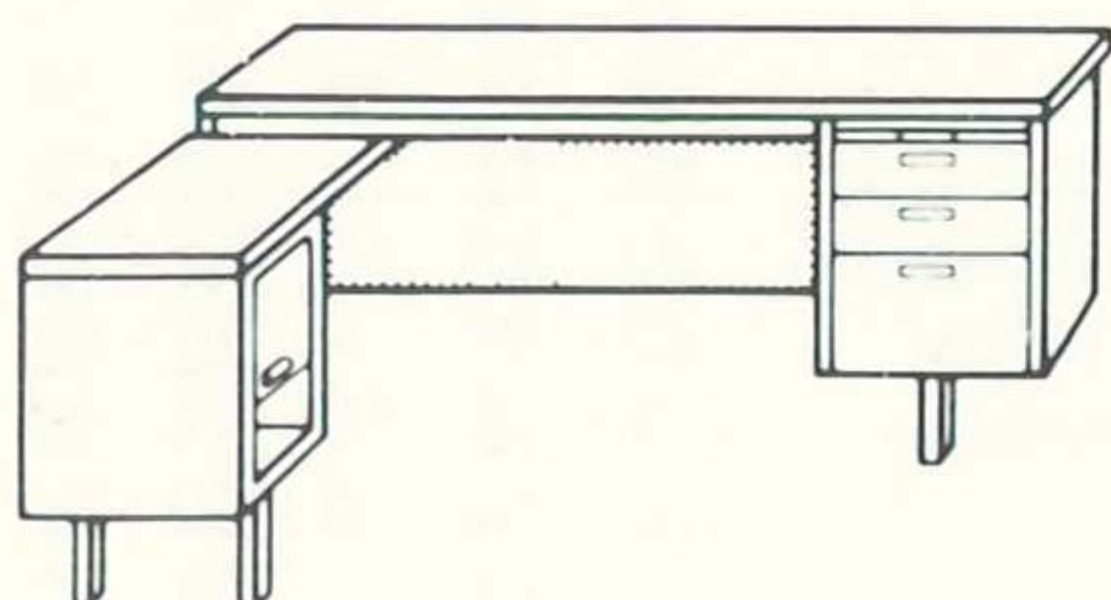
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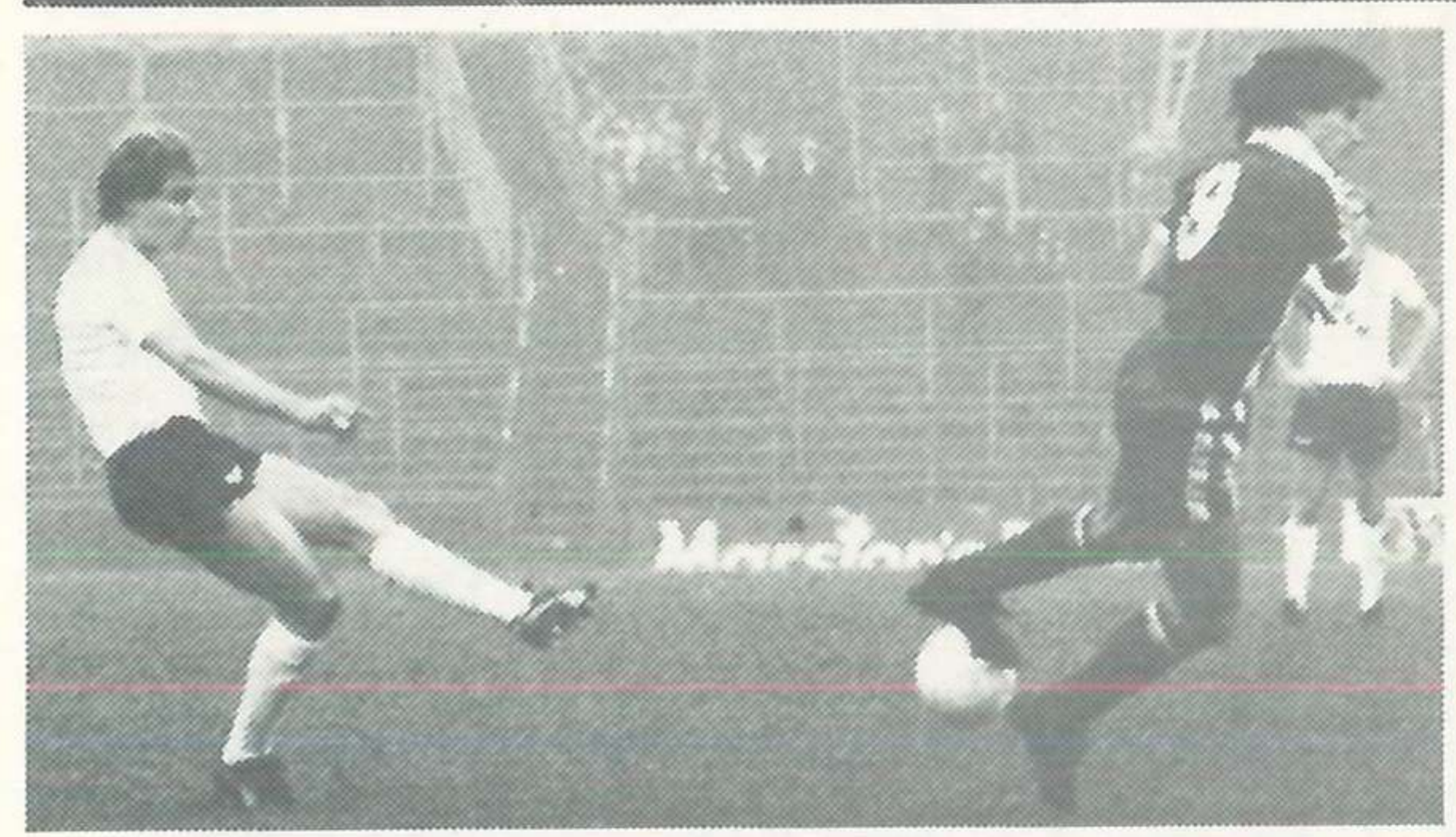
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Burnden Park NEWS



by Elton Welsby

The transfer market never ceases to amaze me. Managers are constantly complaining about high prices and the scarcity of real talent: and yet Bury have not received a single offer for young Craig Madden, the country's top goal scorer.

Not that Bury wants to sell the player, nor do they have to in order to make ends meet, but isn't it astonishing that no one has even asked their manager, Jim Iley, to name a price.

Bobby Robson, the Ipswich manager, immediately started asking questions a few weeks ago when he saw Madden in action in the KICK OFF Studios. Robson had joined us to preview Liverpool's European Cup tie against AZ67 of Alkmaar, but he was certainly distracted by the

quality of Madden's finishing and was eager to talk about the youngster during a break in rehearsals.

"We'll be getting our scouts to look at him" Robson declared.

Understandably club scouts are flocking to where ever Bury play these days and primarily it is to watch Madden. But how surprising to learn that not a single club has got in touch with Jim Iley and offered, say, £30,000 — just as bait.

"We're surprised, but not worried", Iley told me recently. "The way the transfer market is at the moment I would have expected someone to have come in by now. But as far as we're concerned Craig is staying with Bury anyway."

A youngster who was named as one for the future in this column a few weeks ago is rapidly becoming the talk of the Third Division.

By sheer coincidence on the day when that article appeared in Burnley FC's programme, Trevor Steven made his debut with that club. Yet it was written well in advance after a conversation with Burnley chief scout, Gordon Clayton, who had no idea Steven would be given his chance so quickly.

In the meantime Steven has become a credit to Burnley's long tradition of producing exciting new talent. Central defender Mike Phelan is another youngster who is maturing all the time during his first full season with the Burnley seniors.

But what about some of the older players still going strong. Blackpool's Peter Noble did not anticipate playing in every game this season: in fact he and manager Allan Brown decided mid week games would be

out of the question. "We thought it would be too tiring", Noble told me. "But so far I've played in just about every game. I'm enjoying the training and feeling as fit as ever."

Noble, who is thirty seven, is not the oldest player in League football. Alan Oakes (Chester) and Ian Callaghan (Crewe) are both thirty nine and having spoken to both of them recently I can assure you they have no intention of retiring just yet.

Incidentally, Arfon Griffiths, Callaghan's manager at Crewe, would have come out of retirement earlier in the season and played League Football again at the age of forty one. Unfortunately certain Football League regulations made it impossible for Griffiths to return — a situation he understood and immediately accepted.

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1981/82	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	Chelsea	16,606	0	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Brennan	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Thompson	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Nikolic
Sept	LC1 (1L) Oldham	5,156	2	1	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd ¹	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
1	Luton Town	6,911	1	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
5	Barnsley	13,844	0	3	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
12	LC1 (2L) Oldham	4,779	2	4	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Nikolic	Kidd	Hoggan	Thompson ¹	Carter	Berry ¹
15	Oldham Athletic	7,222	0	2	McDonagh	Henry	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Carter	Nicholson
19	Derby County	12,066	2	0	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney ¹	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Carter	Carter
23	Rotherham United	6,998	0	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Hebbard
26	Newcastle United	6,429	1	0	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Carter	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Foster
29	Grimsby Town	7,217	1	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Carter	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Hebbard
Oct.	Leicester City	7,361	0	3	McDonagh	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney ¹	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Cantello	Hebbard	Thomas ¹
10	Cardiff City	3,879	1	2	McDonagh	Bennett	Brennan	Henry	McElhinney ¹	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Cantello	Hebbard	Thomas
17	Cambridge United	5,751	3	4	McDonagh	Whitworth	Brennan [†]	Henry ²	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Hoggan	Bennett	Hoggan
24	Norwich City	12,991	0	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Cantello	Hebbard	Foster
31	Watford	7,066	2	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson ¹	Thomas
Nov	Shrewsbury Town	4,062	0	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson	Foster
14	Orient	5,737	1	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Thompson [†]	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Foster
21	Luton Town	8,889	0	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Thompson [†]	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Foster
24	Crystal Palace	8,839	0	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Foster	Carter	Cantello	Hoggan	Thompson
Dec	Queens Park Rangers															
5	Sheffield Wednesday															
12	Charlton Athletic															
19	Wrexham															
26	Blackburn Rovers															
28	F.A. Cup 3															
Jan	Newcastle United															
2	Chelsea															
9	F.A. Cup 4															
16	Oldham Athletic															
23	Barnsley															
30	Grimby Town (5)															
Feb	Rotherham United															
6	Leicester City															
13	Cardiff City (6)															
Mar	Cambridge United (LCF)															
6	Norwich City															
13	Watford															
20	Shrewsbury Town (SF)															
27	Wrexham															
April	Blackburn Rovers															
3	Orient															
10	Crystal Palace															
12	Queens Park Rangers															
17	Derby County															
24	Sheffield Wednesday															
May	Charlton Athletic															
1	F.A. Cup Final															
8																
15																
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BURNDEN DATES

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER 1981

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

STATISTICS



GOING BY CAR?

HERE IS YOUR RAC ROUTE TO
NEXT SATURDAYS AWAY GAME AT

SHEFFIELD

WEDNESDAY

RAC

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 28th November)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Luton Town	17	7	0	2	24	10	6	1	1	15	7	40	
Watford	16	5	2	1	14	6	5	0	3	11	11	32	
Queens Park Rangers	17	6	2	1	14	3	3	1	4	12	13	30	
Oldham Athletic	17	4	4	0	12	5	4	2	3	13	11	30	
Sheffield Wednesday	17	5	2	2	14	12	4	1	3	7	8	30	
Barnsley	17	6	1	1	15	4	2	2	5	13	16	27	
Blackburn Rovers	17	4	2	3	8	5	3	2	3	11	12	25	
Chelsea	17	4	2	2	13	10	3	2	4	10	15	25	
Leicester City	16	3	3	2	9	6	3	2	3	14	12	23	
Newcastle United	17	6	1	1	15	5	1	1	7	8	14	23	
Crystal Palace	16	6	0	3	12	7	1	2	4	2	5	23	
Norwich City	17	5	2	1	13	7	2	0	7	8	20	23	
Shrewsbury Town	17	5	1	2	13	8	1	3	5	4	14	22	
Derby County	17	4	3	2	14	11	2	1	5	9	18	22	
Cambridge United	17	5	0	3	13	8	2	0	7	10	18	21	
Charlton Athletic	17	6	0	3	19	13	0	3	5	6	16	21	
Cardiff City	17	4	1	3	12	14	2	2	5	9	14	21	
Rotherham United	16	5	1	2	19	9	0	2	6	5	16	18	
Orient	17	3	3	3	9	9	2	0	6	3	10	18	
Grimsby Town	15	1	3	3	8	10	3	2	3	8	14	17	
Wrexham	17	3	0	6	9	14	1	3	4	8	10	15	
Bolton Wanderers	17	3	0	5	9	13	1	1	7	3	14	13	

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1981-82	F	A
Aug. Sept.	0	4
29	0	6
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EVERTON
Coventry City
Nottingham Forest
Liverpool
BLACKBURN R.
MANCHESTER CITY
Newcastle Utd.
Sheffield Utd.
BURY
PRESTON N.E.
STOKE CITY
Burnley
Huddersfield T.
Sheffield Wed.
COVENTRY CITY
DERBY COUNTY
West Brom. A.
Aston Villa
WOLVERHAMPTON W.
Leeds United
MANCHESTER UTD.
NOTTINGHAM F.
Everton
BLACKPOOL
HUDDERSFIELD T.
Blackburn R.
NEWCASTLE UTD.
Manchester City
SHEFFIELD UTD.
Bury
WEST BROM. A.
Preston N. E.
BURNLEY
Stoke City
Manchester Utd.
SHEFFIELD WED.
Derby County
LIVERPOOL
ASTON VILLA
Blackpool
Wolverhampton W.
LEEDS UNITED

TODAYS REFEREE

KEY, JOHN M. (Rotherham). Began refereeing in 1970 in local leagues. Progressed from Sheffield County Senior Leagues, then via Yorkshire League to Northern Premier League and Football League List.

A married man, with two sons, he is an Electrical Clerk of Works and is interested in all sports and keeping fit.



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Red Flag
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Team Check

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Ian Bailey
- 4 Tony Henry
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Alan Gowling
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Wayne Foster
- 9 Mike Carter
- 10 Len Cantello
- 11 Dave Hoggan
- 12 Chris Thompson

Queens Park Rangers

- 1 John Burridge
- 2 John Gregory
- 3 Terry Fenwick
- 4 Gary Waddock
- 5 Ernie Howe
- 6 Glenn Roeder
- 7 Gary Micklewhite
- 8 Mike Flanagan
- 9 Tony Sealy
- 10 Simon Stainrod
- 11 Ian Gillard
- 12 Ian Stewart

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY NOTTS COUNTY		
B	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. SUNDERLAND		
C	EVERTON SWANSEA CITY		
D	MANCHESTER CITY ASTON VILLA		
E	MIDDLESBROUGH IPSWICH TOWN		
F	NOTTINGHAM FOREST LIVERPOOL		
G	SOUTHAMPTON MANCHESTER UNITED		
H	STOKE CITY LEEDS UNITED		
I	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR COVENTRY CITY		
J	WEST BROMWICH A. WOLVERHAMPTON W.		
K	WEST HAM UNITED ARSENAL		
L	BARNLEY CRYSTAL PALACE		
M	CAMBRIDGE UNITED WREXHAM		
N	CHELSEA SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
O	NEWCASTLE UNITED BLACKBURN ROVERS		
P	NORWICH CITY LEICESTER CITY		
Q	OLDHAM ATHLETIC GRIMSBY TOWN		
R	ROTHERHAM UNITED ORIENT		
S	SHREWSBURY TOWN LUTON TOWN		
T	WATFORD CHARLTON ATHLETIC		
U	BURNLEY OXFORD UNITED		
V	PRESTON NORTH END BRENTFORD		
W	TORQUAY UNITED BURY		
X	WIGAN ATHLETIC HALIFAX TOWN		

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